

Topics of Interest

GIVE THEM A CHANCE

I wish I could persuade the birds that have built their nests in the trees in our chicken pen to move to safer quarters. Few of the little birds that have been hatched and cared for by the hopeful parents have survived their first flight. As soon as they touch the ground they are pounced upon by a merciless mob of hungry hens. Our attempts at rescue have, so far, been in vain. Observation convinces me that as long as broods are hatched and reared above our chicken pen they will meet death soon after they leave the nest. What chance have the poor birds?

This reminds me of homes I have known. These homes, many of them, have been well-feathered with physical comforts. Proud parents have seen their children grow and develop as they have supplied hungry mouths and minds with food and knowledge. And the children may not have been altogether neglected spiritually either. They have likely received the life that God provides in Baptism. That life may also have been nourished through Sunday School and Confirmation instruction. But the surroundings of the home have been worldly and indifferent offering little help for the young Christian to blossom out into a firm, conscious faith in Christ. The home was built in branches that stretch over a chicken pen of evil lusts so that when the fledgling was off on his own, his spiritual life was soon killed by the evil lusts he naturally gravitated into. What chance has youth without Christ?

Where is your home built? Where will the young fledglings land when they take to their wings. Not very far from home. You can build your home where the mortality is very high, and you can build it where the mortality is very low. Do not invite your children to stumble. "Whoso shall cause one of these little ones that believe on me to stumble, it is profitable for him that a great millstone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be sunk in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:6).

Do not in unbelief write the doom over your children by spiritually building your home over a chicken pen. Guided by God's Word and in obedience to Christ build your home in a safer place. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." —A. K. H.

COLOMBIA EVANGELICAL MISSION, AUGUST 31

The Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America will meet for its annual meeting at Scandia Church, Pastor R. O. Olson's parish, August 31st, at 2.30 p.m. Important business will be considered at this meeting. Everyone interested in this our field in Colombia, should attend.

TAUGHT AT PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

Betty Mackay has taught two weeks of parochial school at Vang congregation, Pastor E. O. Walker's call. Inga Kjos taught for two weeks in Bethel (Wetaskiwin) of the same parish. At the closing program she gave an address on conditions in Norway under the occupation. This message was much appreciated.

Too many Christians are trying to stay in the Church and live in the world.

Power For This Hour

THE LAY WORKER'S PART IN EVANGELISM

By PASTOR A. TVEIT, Director for Evangelism, Yorkton Circuit

Every Christian is a co-worker with Christ and not least when it comes to Evangelism. The lay worker has his particular place as well as the pastor in this work, and let each one see that he does his work well. By lay worker we mean a Christian man or woman who has his own trade or profession to occupy his time, but at the same time is concerned about the work of God's Kingdom and spend some of his time for it.

One avenue open for all is to spend some time every day in prayer. Not only in praying in a general way, but for some specific person or thing. It is a well known fact that every great revival has been born through prayer. Before Pentecost there was a ten days prayer meeting, and the Book of Acts records the result in thousands of souls. And so down through the centuries it has been reported that great awakenings were brought about through prayers of one person or by many who had made this a daily subject of prayer.

If God has placed some soul upon your heart to win that soul for Him, it is essential to begin with prayer. Later a word for the Master, a kind deed will follow, and some day that soul may thank God for you who became the means to his salvation. In some cases this may be brought about in a few days, but more often it will take months and even years before you can point to the fruit. Yes, in some instances the one who did the sowing never saw the fruit, but he shall not lose his reward.

One of the most important branches of our work of Evangelism is to plant the word of God in the hearts of the children. The work of the Sunday School is resting mostly on the shoulders of the lay workers. It is a deplorable fact that so few Christians place their heart and soul into this work, and in particular the men. We need consecrated men teachers as well as women. Else our boys and young men will soon feel out of place in the Sunday School and consider it a place for girls and women. But they want to be men, real men; and act and talk as do the men. Lay men here is a work for you to remedy the false impression given our boys in many of our Sunday Schools today.

Again there are many old and shut-ins who need a friend to come to them in their lonely condition with cheer and comfort from the word of God. Let it not be a social visit only, but leave a tract, a bible passage or a prayer for them to think about and remember when you have left. Pray that it may bear fruit. Another avenue open for some of our lay people is to help with money. God has not given you a gift to preach and so if you try it would be a failure. But some are so blessed with ability to make money that which ever way they turn the money is coming in. If that is your lot you cannot be an evangelist but you can help to pay for one and to pray for the messages he gives. Some day you may see the souls you won through him.

To Conduct Meetings in Wetaskiwin

Evangelist Tysseland will conduct meetings in the Wetaskiwin parish the week ending August 3rd. Parochial school is also held in Asker congregation at this time. Miss Kjos is the teacher.

Do you remember the day when you first saw the light of God's forgiving grace? Oh, what peace and joy it brought. But there are many today who have not yet seen that light, they still grope about in darkness. They are sunk down in bad habits of which they cannot rid themselves. Go and befriend them and tell them of Him who said: "Thy sins are forgiven thee". What He did for you He can do for them too.

Lord, lay some soul upon my heart,
And love that soul through me
And may I gladly do my part
To win that soul for Thee!

Obituary

HANNA STRAND

Hanna Strand was born near Oslo, Norway, on April 5, 1867, baptised and confirmed in her native Lutheran Church. About the age of 17 she emigrated to the U.S.A. where, at Newman Grove, Nebr., she was united in marriage to Syver Larson Dagsgard. In 1904 they moved to Canada and settled near St. Albert, Alta. Here they raised a large family and were active in the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. In the fall of 1946 Mrs. Dagsgard came to Port Coquitlam, B.C., with her son and daughter and son-in-law.

Vitally interested in the affairs of her home, church and community, Mrs. Dagsgard spent a busy and fruitful life, consecrated to the Lord and to the welfare of home and church. She passed away peacefully on May 17 after a short illness. She was preceded in death by her husband, three sons and one daughter. She is survived by two sons, Lewis of Onoway, Alberta, and Hilmar of Port Coquitlam, B.C., and by four daughters: Eleanor, Mrs. Martin Lind of Port Albion, B.C.; Florence, Mrs. W. Esdale of Edmonton, Alta.; Marguerite, Mrs. George Friend of Los Angeles, Calif., and Clarissa, Mrs. Evan Olsen of Port Coquitlam, B.C., also by 10 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. P. Haraldsen in Norway.

A Teacher's Prayer

God, give me wisdom, let me understand,
That I may teach the needful thing;
Help me to see the hidden, stranger child,
That I life's rightful messages may bring.

God, give me patience for the endless task,
The daily repetitions, the slow years
Of molding, line by line, the human mind
Until at length 'tis free from sordid fears.

God, let me care for those whom I must teach;
Like the great Teacher let me ever love
With tender, brooding, understanding heart,
Eyes wise, far-seeing as the stars above.

God, give me faith to see beyond today,
To sow the seed and cultivate the soil;
Then wait serenely, trusting in Thy power
To bless and multiply my humble toil.
—Author Unknown.

Warned of God

Read I Corinthians 10: 6-13

9th Sunday after Trinity

Much trust in self, is not an uncommon sin, among the people of today. Much of self and little of Christ is often too true of the Christian. Christianity is taken so much for granted that it is thought by some, not necessary to read God's Word regularly, or join with a Christian congregation in public worship. Sinful practises accordingly grow and develop unhampered in such lives. Cheap, popular examples of what a successful person must be are unwarily copied. The desires only of the body are satisfied. "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play."

One who knows something of history knows that there are ignoble examples that stand as warnings to us. The Roman Empire had its glorious day, like unto our present civilization by comparison. But corruption and sin lead to its breakdown. History will repeat itself for us if we heed not the warning. Scripture sets forth the danger signals.

Followers of Christ, today, as never before, need to be true to God's Word. There should be no dabbling with sin, no playing on the border-line. We pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Lead us not into temptation." Stay away, we must. Gross sins most certainly leave Satan's mark on us. But there are other less subtle sins that are more dangerous to the Christian. We cannot afford to be careless about sin and grace in the experiences of life. We need all the armor God provides to meet the onslaughts of the Devil. "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation."

Temptation comes in a very strong manner at times. It is well to remember, "There hath no temptation taken you, but such as men can bear." "God is faithful and will not permit you to be tempted above that you are able." Wonderful experience to know that the Lord is nigh in times of distress and temptation.

Trust in ourselves, we must not. There is no room for pride, only humility. As empty vessels God can help us. "Let him that thinketh he standeth beware lest he fall . . . God will with the temptation make a way of escape."

—G. E. M.

Camrose Circuit Meets

An inspiring circuit convention was held at Amisk Park, Alberta, June 20-22. The theme: "Power for This Hour." President of the District, Mars A. Dale, the circuit pastors and laymen entered into the discussion.

Pastor K. C. Grundahl of Camrose spoke on "Power Through Unity;" Pastor Erik Haave on "Power through Consecration;" Pastor E. O. Walker on "Power Through the Word," and Professor Moi on "Power Through Teaching." President Mars A. Dale gave messages in such a manner as to stir every heart on "The Need of This Hour" and "Power Through Witnessing."

Pastor loci Dr. H. T. Egedahl preached Sunday morning and administered the Lord's Supper, assisted by Pastor R. O. Olson. Missionary P. B. Stolee led in Bible studies on "The Work of the Holy Spirit." Special music was enjoyed during the sessions. The Circuit president, Pastor R. O. Olson, presided over the meeting and conducted the business session on Saturday. —K. C. Grundahl.

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OUR DISTRICT CONVENTION

Perhaps while our convention is still fresh in mind it is well to evaluate the convention as a whole. We had a good convention. We are thankful to God that even the very difficult and controversial problems were conducted in a kind and brotherly spirit. There seemed to be a sense of need of a greater vision of the program and the possibilities of the church.

It is a good time to mention now, however, that the important matters of business were left for the time too close to the end of the convention. We believe that this matter should be seriously considered in preparing for the next convention.

Various methods have been tried to facilitate the business procedure. Our Danish friends in U.S. had their boards meet about three months prior to the convention to prepare the resolutions. Under the caption "A Happy But Confused Convention" we shall let the editor of the Ansgar Lutheran speak as to the result of this plan: "The fact is that some of the board members were not always able to explain their own resolutions . . . This is very natural. Some of these boards meet in March and draw up their resolutions. Then two or three months later they come to the convention, and they have forgotten the facts that led to the resolutions that were written." The plan used in this convention was to eliminate the working committees and have the official boards report directly to the convention.

To have working committees is a fine plan. However, to have these committees convening during convention time is not such a good practice. Having four committees comprising about twenty men out of the sessions part of the time the business is transacted is not a good policy. For the committees to cover all the work in between sessions is not always possible.

Perhaps we would not need four committees. It may be well, too, that the committees meet prior to the convention and that the resolutions be prepared in mimeographed form for the convenience of the voting delegation at the convention. Others have suggested that the committees meet early enough (but not too early) so that important resolutions could be mailed out to the pastors prior to the convention. Thus the important matters could be considered by pastors and congregations early.

At any rate this matter is worth our serious thought. It is not a new problem. We are certain that the committee on convention considered the matter also very carefully before our convention. However, we are equally certain that we must seek to arrange our business sessions to give more time to important matters early in the convention.

READ!

If you don't read, you don't know;
If you don't know, you don't care;
If you don't care, you don't give;
If you don't give, you don't receive;
If you don't receive, you had better read.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE EARLY CHRISTIANS

What was it that made the early Christians so effective in the spreading of the gospel? We may well note what these characteristics were and by the grace of God seek incorporate them in our lives so that we also may be more effective in the work of His Kingdom.

First, we note that the early Christians possessed a sense of divine compulsions—the spirit of the Master, who said, "I must." They saw the mighty urgency of their mission. This was born on the day of Pentecost when in desperation for their souls' salvation they cried, "Brethren, what shall we do?" Salvation became a matter of life or death with them. This spirit remained with them as they became concerned about the lost souls around them. "Fear came upon every soul." "They could not but speak the things which they saw and heard." Therefore they preached with all boldness. Nothing could thwart them—severe persecution of imprisonment and torture. Nothing could keep them from speaking the Words of Life. The eternal welfare of souls depended on it. This divine compulsion caused them to preach under all circumstances, both early and late—"at daybreak," for the truth had gripped their hearts that there was salvation in none other than Jesus Christ; "that there was none other name under heaven given among men, whereby man must be saved." With such fervency in preaching they, in a few days, "filled Jerusalem" with their teachings. There was a working "while it was yet day" with these early Christians, for it was urgent.

Another characteristic we note among these early Christians was their willingness to sacrifice in their tender concern for the welfare of others. From the beginning, "they sold their possessions and parted them to all, according as each one had need." No sacrifice was too great, no price too high to pay, only that man might enjoy the fruits of the gospel.

Then again we note their sole dependence upon the Holy Spirit. They claimed the promised power of the Holy Spirit and lived and worked thereby. Everything that they did was in relation to what the Holy Spirit could do through them. No one could witness apart from Him. Being "full of the Spirit" was a divine requirement. They prayed for the Holy Spirit for them that had not received Him. His presence was an indication of divine approval. When He directed they, with implicit faith, obeyed. All depended on the Holy Spirit.

The last characteristic we are going to note is their diligent use of the Word and prayer. First in relation to their own spiritual welfare and then in relation to their mission. Among the early Christians there was an urgent need of gathering together in Word and prayer. "They continued steadfastly in the apostles' teachings and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers." And it was as they were thus gathered that they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They had set hours of prayer. The Word was God's communication to them, spoken by the Holy Spirit. And in prayer they "lifted up their voices to God."

Their ministry was also one of Word and prayer. They gave themselves to the "ministry of the Word and continued steadfastly in prayer." Wherever they went they preached the Word, for it was the "Word of Life" which men "believed and were saved."

Many other characteristics could be cited but space will not permit. Let these characteristics be evident in our lives also today and it will make for more effective work in the Kingdom of God. God help us to have such a sense of divine compulsion; to have such a spirit of willing and glad sacrifice; to have such a sense of de-

History of Sunday School by Mail, Outlook, Sask.

Before going into the recorded history of the Sunday School by Mail at the office at Outlook, it would be interesting to refer to the very beginnings of this project.

Before our church had the services on an organized Lutheran Sunday School by Mail many of our country districts were poorly cared for in the instruction of God's Word. Some districts were not being reached at all. The Pastor in one of our northern parishes, J. B. Stolee, now at Birch Hills, Sask., worked out a system for his own use whereby he could overcome the barriers to the work of reaching the children in his outlying congregations, and in the fringes of these congregations. He prepared Sunday School instructions for these children and sent them to the children by mail. The children would study their lessons according to instructions given, answer the questions given and return them to the pastor for correction.

In March, 1944, when Pastor Stolee became president of the Board of Parish Education, with Pastor M. S. Johnson of Edmonton (now of S.L.B.I.), and Pastor A. M. Vinge of Camrose, as secretary and treasurer respectively, the new project of Sunday School by Mail was discussed. It was decided to center the work at S.L.B.I., Outlook, Sask.

Six courses were offered for the first year, Grades one to five and Confirmation. Mrs. G. Loken, Outlook, prepared the grades one and two; Mrs. Oscar Likness, Irma, Alta., prepared grades three and four; Pastor K. A. Knutson, Clearbrook, Minn., (formerly of Cabri, Sask.) prepared the grade five course; and Pastor M. S. Johnson prepared the course in Confirmation.

The selection by S.L.B.I. Board of Miss Ruth McFarlane of Gronlid, former graduate of S.L.B.I. and then the school secretary, as the first supervisor was approved by the Parish Education committee. The Board of Parish Education and Home Mission Committee appropriated grants each year for Sunday School by Mail.

The new project was made known by several means. An insert was made in the District paper the "Shepherd-Hyrden", and this insert was also sent out to all pastors to be posted in every church, to W.M.F. members to be posted in outlying areas. Announcements were made in other church papers, and over radio broadcasts.

With the co-operation of friends far and wide the Lutheran Sunday School by Mail became more popular reaching out to more than 875 children before the first year was over as compared to the 50 names enrolled at the beginning of the year.

In 1945 four more courses were added, the Grade six and seven prepared by Mrs. Oscar Likness; the Kindergarten prepared by Mrs. G. Loken; and Bible Study in Acts prepared by Mr. G. Loken, S.L.B.I., Outlook. The Grade five course was revised by Miss Lillian Tysdal of Briercrest, Sask.

The enrollment for that second year of Sunday School by Mail was increased to over 1,100 with a mailing list of 960 continued pupils. About 300 of these pupils were recorded to have completed their work satisfactorily.

In June, 1946, Miss Doris Nelson of Blumenhof, Sask., succeeded Miss Ruth McFarlane as Superintendent of the Sunday School by Mail. Mr. and Mrs. G. Loken were appointed advisors.

In the fall of 1946, the beginning of the third year in Sunday School by Mail, all pupils from the former year were re-enrolled in the next grade. With the new enrollments our en-

rollment list reached almost 1,300. There were more than 150 pupils discontinued for various reasons, such as recent attendance at a regular Sunday School begun in their districts or "no time", or "to much home work".

Of the 1,120 on the mailing list for continued pupils, about 500 are now making use of their lessons.

One Bible study Course had been added in the summer of 1946, that of studies in Romans prepared by Pastor G. O. Evenson, S.L.B.I., Outlook.

Certainly Sunday School by Mail is being used as a blessing. Children and young people are being reached regularly with the gospel. Souls are being blessed. Yes, souls are being saved, that is, they are being brought into a fellowship with our Lord Jesus Christ. Will you, dear readers, continue to pray that this project will continue to be a blessing to many more districts. May we have your co-operation with us in making this known to all, that our Sunday School by Mail may be serving these communities that are so sorely in need of such instruction in God's Word.

—D. Nelson.

Bethlehem (Outlook) Men Build Sunday School Furniture

Much needed furniture for the Sunday School of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Outlook, Sask., was built at a "bee" the afternoon of June 12. With Mr. O. Berg supervising, eight male members of the congregation constructed four small and two large tables, ten chairs for juniors, and four blackboards. Materials used were five ply veneer board for table tops, apple boxes for chairs, and black masonite for blackboards. The painting or varnishing of the new furniture was done as convenience permitted in the days following. However, the bulk of the work was done the one afternoon. The Sunday School pupils are very happy at being able to sit up to tables for their classes, in chairs that permit their feet to rest on the floor.

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June 18th was a festive day in Torquay when 17 young people renewed their baptismal covenant, one a mother with two children.

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The Torquay Bible Week has just concluded with Evangelist Scotvold as speaker. Souls were saved and Christians strengthened. We are thankful to God for Mrs. Scotvold's visit with us.

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Trinity congregation was fortunate in winning the set of five books given as a prize to the L.D.R. having the most members from the farthest distance at the convention held in Saskatoon.

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Extensive Building Programs

Lake Alma parish has an extensive building program according to the parish bulletin. Immanuel congregation has a new heating system, the church is relined and painted. It has a new altar and baptismal font, the windows have a colored covering, and a bell is in prospect. An organ has been purchased by the aid. Gladmar has a new church complete with altar and pulpit. An organ has also been secured. Nordalen has painted and repaired its basement church. Lake Alma is completing a new church. Beaubier has finished the basement for the church and is now working on the superstructure.

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Confirmation service was held in West Prairie congregation, H. F. Johnson pastor, May 25. Six young people were confirmed. In the same parish a class of ten were confirmed in Bethel congregation, Stewart Valley. At this service there was also an adult baptism.

Jeg er den gode Hyrde.
Joh. 10:11

Hyrden

JEG ER DØREN TIL FAARENE.—Joh. 10:7

Den gode Hyrde setter sit
liv til for faarene.
Joh. 10:11

Wadena, Sask., Første No. in August, 1947.

Trell Eller Fri?

Joh. 8, 31-44.

Verden ligger i det onde og menne-skene treller under synden. Hvor de selger sine sjeler til synd og skam! Og spreder syndens frø rundt om sig i samfundsliv og familieliv og høster saa usalig en høst! Lastene brer sig uten skamfølelse. Der rødmes ikke lenger over syndig ferd. Og synd og elendighet vokser op som ugress. Tanker og viljer bøies inn under syndens ubønnhørlige lov og lammes fra bearnearene av. Der hviskes ikke lenger i krokene, men vantroen roper høit paa alle torver. Aa, kjæfe venner, ser vi da ikke hvorledes menne-skene omkring oss treller i verdenslyst og gaa paa de brede veier mot fortapelsen! Er der da ikke noget derinne i oss som roper av et angstfylt hjerte: Stans! for Guds skyld og for eders egen skyld! Stans før det er for sent! Gni dog søvnen av øinene, saa I kan se, at den vei I gaar paa, er veien til undergang og evig død. Forstaa dog, at Jesus har rett, naar han sier: Hver den som gjør synd, er syndens trell! Men trellen blir ikke i huset til evig tid.

Ingen skal tro at kultur eller oplysning bryter syndens lenker og aapner himmeldøren. Heller ikke samfundsbedring, eller lettere livskaar. Ikke gode forsetter og tilløp i bevegede stunder. Ja, ikke engang religiøse øvelser uten dybde. Ti synd er synd i hvilken form den enn fremtrer. Og synd føder synd. Og syndens sold er døden. Død og fortapelse Det er Guds ords alvorlige tale. Aa maatte I dog høre den, alle i syndens treller, høre den, saa I for alvor begynte aa spørre etter frigjørelse.

Hvor er frigjørelsen? Hvor er friheten? Hør Jesu ord: "Dersom I blir i mitt ord, da er I i sannhet mine disipler og I skal kjenne sannheten, og sannheten skal frigjøre eder." Frigjørelsen er i sannheten. Aa, hvor gjelder det da ikke aa finne den! Hvor er da sannheten? Jeg ber dig: Se alvorlig paa dig selv, utover ditt liv og inn i ditt hjerte. Hva finner du da? Synd og atter synd, ikke sant? Jo, det er sannheten. Erkjenn den for dig selv og for Gud. Og bekjenn den baade for Gud og mennesker. Dømt og fordømt blir du da i din egen samvittighet.

Hvor er sannheten? Se paa Jesus, saa finner du den. Se paa det Guds lam som bærer verdens synd. Ogsaa din synd. Se paa ham, der er saaret for dine misgjerninger og knust for dine overtredelser. Fatt dog et nytt sinn om Jesus, din Frelser. Hvor han lenges etter aa gjøre dig fri fra synd og skam og ond samvittighet. Fri, saa du løfter ditt hode i jublende glede: Frelst og fri, Gud være evindelighet pris! Og saa vite det forvisst, at jeg er Guds barn med et evig livs haap og mitt navn skrevet i himmelen.—

Hvorfor vil I dog trelle under synd og løgn, naar han er her, som vil løse hver sydebunden trell? Bli i Herrens ord! Gjør bot! Be om naade! Viselig, ogsaa du skal bli en Herrens disippel. Ikke trell, men fri!
—O. Hvalbye.

Vi som opriktige og levende anser os for med Kristus at være dømt og døde, med Kristus opstandne og erklærede for retferdige, ja, med ham ophøiede over himmelen og med ham ustraffelig for Gud. Vi som hvile i denne bevissthet om vor allerede bevirkede fuldkommengjørelse gleder os deri. Hver dag og hver time fornye vi den i os, og dermed bortjage vi enhver anklage og enhver skygge av frykt og tvil.—Krummaker.

SWIFT CURRENT

Vi er fremdeles uten fast ansat prest siden Pastor M. B. Odland som var vor prest flyttet til Weldon kaldet. Igjennem vinteren har pastor G. O. Evenson, og pastor M. S. Johnson, begge flinke Gudds ords forkyndere holdt møter her. Student Alfred Tyseland var hos os i paaskehelgen. Han er en flink vekkelses predikant.

Nu igjennem sommeren har vi en student fra Concordia College, Mr. Steen. Vi liker ham godt.

Han er og vil bli en flink mand i Herrens vingard.

Vi har nylig havt kretsmøte i Pastor H. F. Johnsons kald. Det var godt fremmøte og Guds ord blev kraftigt baaret frem.

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Vor kirke holdt distrikts møtet i Grace United Kirken i Saskatoon. Det var mange delegater tilstede og alt blev baaret frem i kjerlighedens aand med bøn og sang. Pastor O. K. Storaa, stedets prest, dirigerte et vel utrustet sangkor. Mrs. Mars Dale var organist. Kvindeforeningen serverte mat i den norske kirkes basement. De fortjener tak for sit arbeide.

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Bygningen for vort teologiske seminar gaar stadigt frem. Den har en meget fin beliggende. Den nye norske kirke som er under arbeide er paa nordsiden av elven ret ved broen. Den har ogsaa et fortreffeligh og fint beliggende. Tak for samveret i Saskatoon, brødre og søstre.

—G.

BETRO DIG TIL JESUS

Mel.: Han har aapnet perleporten.
Lat ei vellyst dig bedaare,
Følg med Jesus, hvor han gaar.
Aldri skal du angre valget.
Tenk dig lønnen som du faar.

Kor:

Jesus han er din ledsager,
Baner vei, hvor ingen er.
Selv han være vil ved roret,
Frykt ei for de skjulte skjær.

Kjære venn, som ennu iler
Borte fra din beste venn!
Efter faaret sitt han leder,
Til han finner det igjen.

Han har elsket dig til døden,
Brøden den han sonet har,
Da hans blod i strømmen flyter,
Og din synd paa korset bar.

Kjære sjel, giv ham ditt hjerte,
Hvilken er hans smertes lønn.
Fly fra synden hen til Jesus,
Søk nu ham i bod og bønn.

Bed til ham, saa vil han høre;
Ingen støter han fra sig.
Thi du kosted ham saa meget
Til og la dig gaa din vei.

Jesus sitter nu paa tronen
I sin store herlighet.
Venter saa at du skal komme,
Hvor han haver alt beredt.

Lars Fossgaard.

Morgenstund har guld i mund

"Herre, aarle høre du min røst!
Aarle legger jeg min sak frem for dig
og venter." Salme 5, 4.

Man holder ikke først konsert og stemmer instrumentene bakefter. Begynd dagen med Guds ord og bøn, og sørg for at faa dit sind i harmoni med Gud.

De som begynner dagen med at mette sin sjel om morgenen, de som har sin lyst i Herrens lov og grunder paa den dag og nat, de vil bli aandelig nærhet, saa fremt ordet forenes med troen.—Hudson Taylor.

HVAD VINNER DU?

Vhad vinner du venn der i døgnlivets dans
til de smektende toner, som egger hver sans
til de daarende røster som drager ditt sinn
ti de lønnlige leker, som spinner dig inn
i sitt snedige spinn—
hva vinner du?

Kan hende du venner i leken dig vant
kan hende de trofast var til en tid—
Men du merket nok snart hvor de spor løst forsvant
i nød — under alvor og strid.

Da ante du kanskje hva vei det bar—
Da saa du hvor falsk denne verden var.
Da saa du hvor fattig ditt liv var blitt.
Da saa du hvor alt dog var løgn og dikt!
De ribbet ditt liv de som lovet saa rikt.

Hvad du kunde ha vært, nu klart du det saa,
men nu var du fanget i synd!
Det liv, som saa rikt engang foran dig laa
var ødet—i lettsinn og synd!

Men,—du vilde kan hende ei lengere se — — —
Du vilde ei kjenne den jammer og ve,
den dødsangst og sorte fortvilelsens natt
som legger sig tungt over synderen matt
og vidner om synd der hvor Aanden tar fatt.

Aa, flykt ei for opgjørets stund i ditt liv!
Aa, flykt ei for ham, som vil lykken dig gi!
Naar sjelen sig vaander i smerte og nød,
da finnes en tilflukt i Frelserens skjød.
Der vinner du seir over synd, over død.

—Solveig H.

Livets Innerside

III

Eders liv er skjult med Kristus i Gud. Kol. 3, 3.

Forrige gang saa vi litt paa den usigelige smerte vi oplever i sjelens skjulte liv med Gud. Idag vil vi se litt paa den usigelige glede, den unctione fryd som vi oplever naar Gud møter oss der inne i sjelens skjulte verden. Naar han tar vaar lille skjelvende sjel op av vaar synd og tvetter den ren i sitt eget blod. Naar han setter oss paa sitt fang og slaar de evige armer om oss, og hvisker inn i vaart hjerte de lifligste ord som en synder kan høre: "Nu behøver du ikke aa være redd mere, for du er mitt barn. Din synd har jeg sonet med mitt blod, nu er den forlatt og kastet bak min rygg i forglemmelsens hav. Og jeg skal verge dig, for jeg er den sterkeste. Og ingen faar røre dig uten min tillatelse."

Da springer sjelen av fryd og takker Gud fordi den er alene med ham, saa den ikke behøver aa legge baand paa sin glede, men kan vise den saa barnlig som den vil.

Her inne i hjertets skjulte verden oplever vi ikke bare de store Taborstunder, men ogsaa de smaa salige naadeglitt midt i det daglige liv. Vi gaar i vaart daglige arbeide, og saa hvisker Aanden et gudsord inn i vaart hjerte. Og alt blir som nytt, baade vi selv og omgivelsene. En skjult kraft gjennomstrømmer sjelen, ja legemet med.

Eller vi gaar paa gaten, og saa min-

I Brennpunktet

SANN VEKKELSE

Mange mennesker mener at hvis bare Gud ville gripe inn med overnaturlig kraft og gjøre fantastiske ting blant oss, da skulle det nok bli vekkelse. Derfor ber de Gud gjøre ufattelige tegn undergjerninger for da er de sikre paa at folkemassene vil strømme til, bli omvent og tro paa Kristus.

Engang kjente Israels folk seg svak overfor hedningefolkene. Da ropte de til Gud: "Gid du ville sønderrive himmelen og fare ned, saa fjellene skalv for ditt aasyn, liksom ilden setter kvister i brann og faar vannet til aa koke—for aa kunngjøre ditt navn for dine motstandere, saa folkene maatte skjelve for ditt aasyn." (s. 64:1) De mente at gjennom det mirakuløse, det overraskende og uvanlige skulle hedningene begynne aa frykte for den sanne Gud og tro paa ham.

At Gud hørte folkets bønn paa bokstavelig maate, staar det ikke noe om. I sin Sønn, Jesus Kristus, vet vi at han forlot himmelen og kom ned til oss mennesker. Da manglet det ikke paa under og kraftige gjerninger, men likevel var det svert faa som ville tro av den grunn. Den store vekkelsen kom ikke ved slike ytre midler og tagn.

Vi mennesker kan overraskes og imponeres. Vi liker sensasjoner. Og sommetider skjer det at de ytre ting kan bli av virkelig verdi. Men erfaringen viser at det trenges noe annet og mer for at det skal bli en alvaarlige og gjennomgripende dyp vekkelse som setter varige frukter.

Derfor ser vi at i regelen gaar Gud en ganske annen vei. De største og egentlige under skjedde naar Jesus i stillhet fikk tilgi synd og omskape vedkommende menneskes hjerte. Her er det vekkelsen maa begynne. Og alle de ytre undergjerninger kan bare paaskynne den i samme grad som Guds hellige Aand i slike høve faar tale Guds ord til hjertene.

"Ikke ved makt og ikke ved kraft, men ved min Aand, sier Herren, herskarenes Gud." (Sak. 4:6) Vekkelsen kommer ikke ved menneskemakt. Vi kan ikke "sette igang". Der er vekkelse" idag. Alene den Hellige Aand kan skape sann vekkelse naar evangeliet blir mottatt til omvendelse. Naar Aanden faar overbevise om synd, om rettferdighet og om dom, da blir det vekkelse.

—H. A. S.

ner Guds aand oss om at vi er Guds barn. Og hjertet svulmer av glede. Menneskene vrimler rundt om oss og vet intet om det hele. I flokken ser de et ansikt som plutselig lyser op i et godt smil.

Her inne i hjertets skjulte verden overasker Gud oss med sine bønnhørselser. Ofte i smaating. Ja, de er av og til saa smaa, at vi knapt vaager aa si til andre mennesker at vi ber Gud om hjelp i slike ting. Men for vaart hjerte er det en usigelig fryd aa faa se Guds omsorg endog i den slags smaating.

Her inne i sjelens usynlige verden oplever vi store og smaa seire. Om talte vi disse for andre, saa vilde de sikkert synes saa ubetydelige, at det for dem næsten blev noget komisk over det hele. Men for oss er de kjære og uundværlige.

Vaare gamle vanesynder overvinner vi vel knapt paa annen vis enn ved en lang rekke av slike smaaseire. Og hver gang vi oplever en slik seier i livets daglige kamp, knyttes vi til Gud i takknemlig glede.

—O. Hallesby.

The Stone Rejected

"Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation." In these words of Isaiah 28:16 God speaks of Christ Whom He should send to the world to be our Savior, and as such the foundation and cornerstone of His Temple, the Church. But Zion, the nation chosen by God to be the builders, rejected the Stone because it did not fit into their ideas of the Kingdom. The Stone was rejected and cast aside on Calvary.

"Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation." How true for us today! Through His Word He offers us this precious Cornerstone and Sure Foundation, "disallowed of men, but chosen of God and precious" (I Pet. 2:4). "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 3:11). Are we, builders of today, using Him as foundation and cornerstone or are we rejecting Him?

"The Kingdom of God is within you." There the Foundation must be laid and there His temple reared. But the flesh lusteth against the Spirit and would build a superstructure of pride and ambitious self-glorification quite out of conformity with such a foundation and entirely at variance with God's specifications. Do we, who should "work out our salvation with fear and trembling" instead, despise the Stone that God has laid in our baptism and instruction, and hew one that will fit into our own sinful plans and purposes? Then, just as destruction overtook Christ-rejecting Jerusalem, so shall not one stone be left upon another when God's judgment strikes this temple of our own deceptions.

There is no secure foundation for the "One World" of this atomic age except the Stone that God has laid in Zion. Rejected by modern society and in the councils of the nations Christ must sadly say of the world as of the temple of old, "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate" (Matt. 23:38).

What are you doing with Christ? You can reject Him but never get rid of Him. The Stone rejected at Calvary rolled back at His rejectors to become a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence. "Whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder" (Matt. 21:44). Take the way of escape and blessing: Accept Christ as your Foundation and Cornerstone and build your life on Him.

—A. K. H.

The Best Things Are Free

In gloomy tones we need not cry, "How many things there are to buy!" Here is a thought for you and me: "The best of things in life are free!" The air, the sunshine, and the sea, All gladness, beauty—these are free. Our faithful friendships, sympathy, The joys of living—these are free. The budding blossom, stalwart tree, God's open country—these are free. The more we look, the more we see How many precious things are free; The heart will find more than the eye Of things we do not have to buy. Yes, think how very rich are we When all the best of things are free.

—John Martin.

God's Hand is There

Just step out in the darkness
As you face the great unknown;
God's hand is there to lead you,
Be brave; you are not alone.

No need to grope in darkness,
Or call for a guiding light;
God's hand is there to lead you
His way; it is always right.

Each day a new adventure
From the moment you awake;
God's hand is there to lead you;
Take hold, it is yours to take.

—Captain J. Burlington Rigg.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

Editor: Mrs. Josef B. Haave, Admiral, Saskatchewan.

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called sons of God." Matt. 5:9. May He who is peace and who gives peace make us children of and servants of peace among men. Where peace rules heart and home, Satan does not thrive. There the God of peace dwells. The road forward is not an easy one. Peace is a goal, a shining summit which beckons us on and on. We cannot fail those who have given their lives to attain peace. We must take up the task with new ardor, with greater vision and power, and without bitterness. Our guide is Jesus Christ, who knows every step of the way and who is with us always, even unto the end. "To love and to serve Him is to be a maker of peace and to know His blessedness. For individuals and groups and nations, for this tired, war-weary world of ours, there can be no real peace outside God's purpose of fellowship, His will to constructive and creative harmony."

Edmonton Circuit W.M.F.

The annual convention was held at Ryley, May 31st, Pastor G. J. Ostrem's parish. Pastor Maakestad of Edmonton spoke on "Discipleship," reading from Luke 14:25-35. He stressed the fact that we should be disciples rather than mere adherents. May we have more disciples to work in our churches and organizations. Missionary P. B. Stolee spoke on the subject, "Clothes," using as his text Luke 12:35. He told us many interesting things about how the people of Madagascar dressed and their difficulties in obtaining clothes during the war. In closing he read from Rev. 7:13-17, and hoped that some day we would all be wearing the robes that have been made white in the blood of the Lamb.

There was no election of officers this year, as it was decided at the Workers' Conference held last November in Edmonton that this be done every two years. The convention offering amounted to \$42.11.

—Mrs. N. Fluevog, Sec.

Prince Albert Circuit W.M.F.

The annual convention was held in Birch Hills on June 7th, with a very good attendance. The theme was "Temperance" and the text, Romans 13:13-14. Pastor Odland of Weldon opened the morning session, speaking on the text. After a duet by Mrs. Falck and Miss Frostad of Weldon, Mrs. Moxness of Prince Albert gave a paper on "Temperance." There was also a solo by Mrs. Opseth and a reading by Mrs. Joe Hagen. After the greetings from the local president, Mrs. Tomtene, the nominating committee was elected, and then all were invited to the church basement for dinner.

The afternoon session opened with a prayer period at 1:45. Pastor Solheim, in speaking on the theme, brought out the importance of time in our lives; the danger of feeling too secure in ourselves, and that our lives should be a daily walk with Jesus.

Our guest speaker was Miss Sanne, the executive secretary of the W.M.F. She gave a very interesting Bible study on the book of Ruth, then answered questions and explained the work of each department of the W.M.F. We were indeed thankful to have Miss Sanne with us at our convention. Mrs. H. Hanson read the first chapter of the history of the Birch Hills Ladies' Aid, and Mrs. Heglund read part of the history of the Prince Albert Circuit. Betty Ann Botham favored us with a piano solo.

The new officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Moxness, Prince Albert; vice-pres., Mrs. Armer, Weldon; secretary, Mrs. O. Christopherson, Weldon; treasurer, Mrs. Strom,

Prince Albert. Department secretaries are: Missions, Mrs. A. Larson, Fairy Glen; charities, Mrs. G. Olson, Birch Hills; education, Mrs. Solheim, Crooked River; life membership and in memoriam, Mrs. A. Moe, Parkside; promotion, Mrs. S. Gjesdal, Brancepath. These officers were installed by Miss Sanne. A vote of thanks was given our former president, Mrs. Silde, who has been a very active worker in our W.M.F. The offering amounted to \$36.21. May God bless the work of the W.M.F. in the coming year and may each one of us do our part in serving Him.

Mrs. T. K. Tomtene, former secretary.

June Meeting of Preeceville W.M.F.

The June meeting of St. John's W.M.F. of Preeceville, featured the Cradle Roll department under the leadership of Mrs. F. Carlson. After a very fitting talk by Pastor Tvit on Psalm 34:11, the babies enrolled were each rocked in a lovely decorated cradle, as a visible token that they have now joined the cradle roll of the W.M.F. to bring Jesus to their brothers and sisters in Alaska. Certificates and helpful literature was given to the mothers. Previously enrolled children under five years, answered roll call by coming forward to receive a treat together with a missionary pamphlet. Gloria Carlson, a four-year old cradle roll member sang the chorus "Jesus Loves the Little Children," and "Everybody Ought to go to Sunday School." Lunch was served with the children seated at small tables.

If you haven't featured a cradle roll program in your Aid, try it.

—Mrs. B. Esbensen, president.

History of New Norway Ladies' Aid

This Ladies' Aid was begun in 1900 by the following pioneer women who came from the U.S.A.: Mrs. Even Olstad, Mrs. K. Fraland, Mrs. P. Jensen, Mrs. Levang, Mrs. P. N. Haukedal, Mrs. Ludwig Olstead, Mrs. Lars Olstead, Mrs. Ole Olstead, Mrs. Christ Johnson, Mrs. Edward Ramsey, Mrs. Gulick Iverson, Mrs. Kvelland. Mrs. Haukedal served as president for 12 years. Meetings were held in a small school house and money was raised by making quilts. People throughout the district also gave donations. Ten years later a church was built.

In those pioneer days, the Ladies' Aid meeting was an all day event. Refreshments, dinner and afternoon lunch were served and the whole family always attended.

The only survivors of these pioneer women are Mrs. Ole Olstad and Mrs. Christ Johnson. Pastors T. T. Carlson, Tuland, Nodtsaetd and Sater were among the first pastors.

Many contributions have been made to the church since its erection, such as installation of lights, curtains, two organs, rug and several pews. We also hope to get a new altar painting and baptismal font. The basement was built in 1931, which debt was partly taken over by the Ladies' Aid.

This community is mainly a Norwegian settlement, as our name signifies, and the rømmegrøt suppers almost every fall were greatly enjoyed by all. In 1935 the church celebrated its 25th anniversary. Pastors taking part were P. Lovseth, N. Carlson, B. Ostrem, and S. O. Hilde. When we look back over the years, we praise the Lord for having blessed us both spiritually and materially. The following pastors have served us during these 37 years: Pastor T. T. Carlson, 1908-1915; Pastor O. Ellingson, 1916-1924; Pastor Oppedahl, 1925-1928; Pastor N. Carlson, 1928-1933; Pastor S. O. Hilde, 1933-1937; Pastor B. Ostrem, 1938-1939; Pastor J. O. Reitan, 1939-1940; Pastor Solheim, 1941-

1942; Our present pastor is E. B. Haave who has served us since 1942. His home is at Edberg and serves five congregations. There are services in New Norway every three weeks. May the Lord continue to bless his ministry among us.

Among the ladies who have acted as president throughout the years are: Mrs. Nevue, Mrs. Westvick, Mrs. Lundberg, Mrs. Martin Johnson, Mrs. N. Stromberg, Mrs. Herman Johnson. At present we have 14 active members. We hold our meetings once a month and give to Home and Foreign Missions, besides helping our local church and church schools.

We thank all the members who have labored so faithfully down through the years. May God richly bless each one, and may our prayers all be that when our labors are over, we will hear the "well done, thou good and faithful servant." "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

Let us all press forward to greater achievements in the Kingdom of God, so that the work which our pioneers started long ago may help to extend His Kingdom here on earth.

Clearwater Ladies' Aid

At a regular meeting of the Clearwater Ladies' Aid, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gunderson, Kyle, Sask., a notable and memorable event took place when Mrs. H. F. Johnson, president, on behalf of the society, presented to Mrs. Julia Gunderson, a life membership certificate in the W.M.F. of our church as a token of her faithful and willing service.

Workers' Conference Conducted

Several accounts of the Workers' Conferences conducted by Miss Sanne are coming to hand, but the following prepared by Mrs. Robert Lyseng of Camrose Circuit, states well the purpose and aim of these conferences. All who attended profited from Miss Sanne's interesting and informative discussion on W.M.F. responsibilities, opportunities, and the materials at our disposal. Her Bible studies on the Book of Ruth were especially inspiring. Using a diagram, Miss Sanne showed how the W.M.F. becomes a prism through which the Gospel light is diffused to "all the world" by means of the five departments: Missions, Charities, Education, Life Membership and In Memoriam, Promotion. In order that this aim may be carried out effectively we, each one of us, must first put emphasis on God's Word as taught in Josua 1:8 . . . "thou shalt meditate therein day and night . . . then thou shalt have good success."

Through the various departments, all people are reached—from the cradle to the grave—and it was pointed out that never has there been a time when the need was so great and the opportunities so abundant.

ABIDING

When Hudson Taylor, the beloved founder of the China inland mission, was staying in the home of a friend on one occasion, his host asked him: "But are you always conscious of abiding in Christ?"

"While sleeping last night," replied Mr. Taylor, "did I cease to abide in your home because I was unconscious of the fact? We should never be conscious of not abiding in Christ."

I change, He changes not; The Christ can never die; His truth, not mine, the resting place; His love, not mine, the tie.

—Our Hope

Some men go to the New Testament for light, and others go to it for support for the doctrines they already hold.